

For The Democrat.

COMMUNICATION.
HARDIN, Mo., Dec. 25, '79.
Mr. Editor:—Since you desire
items of interest, I send you
some.

Hardin had a Christmas tree
yesterday evening, in the new
church, and a right interesting
occasion it proved. The propo-
sition for such being made only
a few days ago, very little time
was allowed for preparation, and
great praise is due to the com-
mittee of ladies and gentlemen
who conducted the affair, for the
extraordinary energy, and super-
ior taste displayed in the work
when completed. We could hard-
ly eulogize the efforts of any
one without disparaging the others,
as each individual labored with
a determination to insure suc-
cess. The noble tree was loaded
with all kinds of good things,
useful and ornamental, things to
eat, things to wear, things to
add to, things to "sell" the re-
cipient, household articles of
utility were not lacking, and the
number of choice volumes of
prose and verse evinced the
literary taste of a large number.
Nearly everybody, old and young,
great and small, received some-
thing, even a doctor got a splen-
did specimen of a turkey ready
for the oven. (Queer fruit). Poor
indeed was the man who could
not afford a dime worth of some-
thing to keep a little ones
mouth and eyes from watering,
and we are sorry to say there
were some little folks there in
that sad condition, disappoint-
ment plainly depicted on their
woful countenances. But alto-
gether the affair was a decided
success, and will be remembered
in the future of those present, as
one of the pleasant episodes in
their lives. The proceeding was
opened with an able address by
Mr. R. V. Seward, as master of
ceremonies, which was well re-
ceived, though it might have
been a little less grave, consider-
ing the occasion we were cele-
brating. The salvation of a world
how vast the subject; it requires
a lifetime to do justice to it, and
can only be realized when we
shall attain to that reward our
blessed Savior came to secure
for us. The evening was also
enlivened by some choice selec-
tions of music by the choir, and
at the close all departed in good
humor and feeling that it was
good to be there.

The will be lots of turkeys dis-
sected to-day, and the weather is
bracing enough to give a fellow
a splendid appetite for such pro-
vender.
Business lively.
Town orderly.
Everybody and his wife seems
happy, and so am Yours Truly,
WATCH.

The story is told of a clergy-
man that after preaching an in-
teresting sermon on the "Recog-
nition of friends in Heaven," he
was accosted by a hearer, who
said: "I liked that sermon, and
I now wish you would preach
another on the recognizing of
people in this world. I have
been attending your church
three years, and not five persons
in the congregation have so
much as bowed to me in all that
time."

Stains from vegetables or fruit
can usually be extracted, if taken
in season, by drawing the cloth
tightly over a large bowl and
pouring boiling water over the
spot; but if left to dry they are
more difficult to erase. A little
soda rubbed on the spot and just
moistened with water will remove
the stain, but endangers the
strength of the cloth. A mixture
of ammonia and spirits of wine
is safer. The spot should soak
in it several hours.

Col. W. R. Cook, a notorious
counterfeiter, was killed near
Nicholasville, Ky., on Monday of
last week. He had escaped from
a number of U. S. Marshals a few
days before. Five Marshals sur-
rounded his house and demanded
his surrender, and it is said he
opened the door with a pistol in
his hand, when he was immedi-
ately shot through the heart. He
was Colonel of a Kentucky
regiment in the Union army dur-
ing the war.

How Much Money is There.

The money of the country now
consists of \$346,000,000 in green-
backs, \$337,000,000 in national
bank notes, \$305,000,000 in gold
and silver, \$121,000,000 in silver
coin, and about \$95,000,000 in
gold and silver bullion awaiting
coinage. This makes a total of
about \$1,100,000,000. Of this
there is some \$225,000,000 in
gold and silver coin in the
Treasury, and deducting also
the gold and silver bullion wait-
ing coinage, it leaves the amount
of the actual circulating medium
at something over \$900,000,000.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
December 22, 1879.
Congress adjourned on the
19th to meet again on Jan. 6th.
The session has been a not un-
profitable one, the appropriation
bills being well forward in
the committees and in the two
Houses. Representatives of all
the committees will remain here
during the recess, and will de-
vote themselves to the further-
ance of public business.

Though it is not likely that
any one in the post office depart-
ment is guilty of criminal acts in
connection with the present de-
ficiency in that department, a
deficiency occasioned by extension
of the "Star" or coach and horse-
back service, the deficiency is
sufficient to startle the country
and to occasion a demand for
greater safeguards. The chair-
man of the House Committee on
post offices and post roads—Mr.
Money—has therefore prepared
a bill on the subject, which re-
stricts the power of the depart-
ment in extending the branch of
the service. Mr. Money has
long been connected with that
department, and a close student
of post-office affairs.

As the now celebrated "Maine
case" seems likely to hold a per-
manent place in our political lit-
erature, besides affecting to
some extent immediate politics, a
brief statement of facts may be
of value. All that is given here
may be relied upon.

The state has been Republican
for twenty-two years, commencing
in 1857. The Republican
majority, from one time as high
as 30,000, had dwindled to an in-
significant number, until last
year, when it was completely
wiped out, and the opposition
had a majority of the vote.

This year the result of last
year was repeated, that is, the
Democrats and Greenbackers
had more votes, combined, than
the Republicans. In every dis-
trict in the state this opposition
majority was a unit on State Sen-
ators and Representatives. The
fair, though not necessary, pre-
sumption, would be then an op-
position legislature was elected.
The returns from the different
districts were sent to the execu-
tive authorities at the State Cap-
itol as required by law, and the
Governor and Council, as also
required by law, proceeded to
examine the returns in order to
issue certificates of election to
the Senators and Representatives.

As guides in this work they
had the Constitution and laws
of the state, decisions of the
Supreme Court of the state
and a line of unbroken Republi-
can precedents for twenty years
and more. As a result of their
examination they threw out the
returns from many towns with
Republican majorities. This was
because of alleged irregularities
or irregularities, and the
Governor and Council found their
authority for such action in every
case. Seeing the Governor and
Council have full authority for
their course, it becomes Sen-
ators Blaine and Hamlin, who
are appearing at excited meet-
ings in the state to show in
which way the Governor and
Council have committed these
offenses with which they loosely
charge them. RENO.

The Audiphone.

Enough was accomplished at
the public exhibition of the audi-
phone in this city, November
21, to show that we have in it an
extremely promising aid to
those afflicted with defective
hearing. It is quite possible too
that it is the leader in a line of
invention which will ultimately
enable the mute to speak as well
as the deaf to hear.

The instrument is simply a
thin plate of vulcanized rubber
shaped like a Japanese fan.
When in use it is curved to give
it the requisite tension, by means
of cords attached to the outer
edge of the fan and fastened at
the juncture of the handle.
When the top of the fan is placed
against the upper teeth the im-
pulsing sound waves create a
sensible vibration which is con-
veyed through the teeth and the
bones of the face (or possibly by
the dental nerves) to the audi-
tory nerve. With a little practice
the sounds thus received are in-
terpreted the same as if they
reached the nerves of hearing
through the ear; and thus the
deaf are made to hear more or
less distinctly, provided, of
course that the auditory nerve
itself is not defective. Experi-
ments are being made with deaf
mutes to determine whether such
unfortunates can be taught to
speak by the use of this inven-
tion, a result strongly indicated
by the result thus far obtained.
In any case the audiphone seems
to have a decided advance upon
the old-fashioned ear-trumpet—
Scientific American.

Clippings.

According to official data, the
total number of the Hebrew race
to-day is about what it was in
the days of King David, between
six and seven millions.

There must be a breath of
coolness creeping in between the
Shermans and the great Boomer;
a sort of polar wave, so to speak.
—St. Louis Times.

Blaine is terrible worked up
over the result of the Returning
Board contest in his state, and
his head is so hot that he is liable
to another sun stroke any
minute. —K. C. Times.

Senator Beck of Kentucky dis-
poses of the presidential ques-
tion in short order. As to the
Democratic candidate, he says
he doesn't care who it is—"it will
be all one. We shall give him a
rousing majority."

Troublesome leaks around
chimneys and over bay-windows,
can, it is said, be permanently
stopped by applying hot, with a
brush, a composition made of
four pounds resin, one pint lin-
seed oil, and one ounce red lead.

The State of Maine formerly
had many distilleries, some of
them large ones. Seven large
ones in Portland run night and
day. Now there is not one in the
State, nor a brewery. That's
what prohibition has done for
Maine!

The will of Mrs. Dorsey, which
gave to Jeff. Davis all her prop-
erty, is to be contested by the
heirs of the testatrix on the
ground of insanity. Suit has
been instituted for recovery of
the property by the brother and
sisters of Mrs. Dorsey.

Dan Rice, the famous circus
man, has been converted at Mr.
Moody's meetings in St. Louis,
and has taken the field as an
evangelist. If Dan draws as well
as an evangelist as he did in the
capacity of a clown, his audi-
ences will be immense.

Says the Hartford Times:
"The decision of the executive
and council of Maine in throwing
out the returns has roused all
the Republicans to explain:
"To what a legislation is in-
famous! But one of them said:
"To what a president is the great
crime of the age!"

For sick headache take a tumbler
two-thirds full of finely
crushed ice, the juice of one
lemon, and one teaspoonful of
white sugar. This mixture eaten
by degrees, or all at once, will
allay the feverish thirst and quiet
the disturbed, quivering stomach,
as it is not sweet enough to be
nauseous.

A most interesting Masonic
relie was sold in Toronto the
other day—the Masonic certifi-
cate of Senter Johnny of Burns.
"Tam O'Shanter." It was issued
by St. James' lodge, Ayr, in 1790,
and planned to one corner was
what was said to be a lock of
Highland Mary's hair. The curi-
osity brought \$178.

Eighteen of the States have
civil damage liquor laws. Their
provisions are substantially the
same, making dealers responsi-
ble pecuniarily for all harm re-
sulting from the sale of intoxicat-
ing beverages. New York,
Maine, Massachusetts and Illi-
nois have statutes precisely
alike.

It is not generally known that
left-handedness is due to the fact
that in persons possessing that
peculiarity, the right side of the
brain takes the lead in controll-
ing the activities of the body.
When once begun in a family, it
is quite likely to continue through
the influence of heredity. By
early training, children might be-
come ambidextrous, when this
peculiarity would disappear.

If a person swallows any poison
whatever, or has fallen into con-
vulsions from having overloaded
the stomach, an instantaneous
remedy, most efficient and ap-
plicable in a large number of
cases, is a heaping teaspoonful of
common salt, and as much ground
mustard, stirred rapidly in a tea-
cupful of water, warm or cold,
and swallowed instantly. It is
scarcely need before it begins to
come up, bringing with it the re-
maining contents of the stomach;
and lest there be any remnant of
the poison, however small, let
the white of an egg or a tea-
spoonful of strong coffee be swal-
lowed as soon as the stomach is
quiet, because these very com-
mon articles nullify a large num-
ber of violent poisons.

The revised statutes provide
that at all stations from which
the shipment of grain by rail
road company amounts to 50,000
bushels or more for the previous
year, the company shall erect
and keep in good condition, cor-
rect scales for weighing grain by
the car load in their cars. The
penalty for failure to so erect
scales is very severe.

State News.

The Mason Republican says
that Col. John F. Williams, of
that place, is squarely in the
field for Governor.

Jay Gould now owns over
1,000 miles of railroad in the
state of Missouri. Gould evi-
dently has considerable confi-
dence in the "Robber State."

A dwelling house belonging
to Mr. Tobie Smothers, in Hunt-
ville, was destroyed by fire last
Friday week. The property was
valued at \$500; no insurance.

At a meeting of the citizens of
Moberly last week a committee
was appointed to solicit subscrip-
tions for the suffering poor in
Ireland.

A little son of Mr. John Sam-
derson, near Keytesville, was se-
verely bitten by a vicious hog
last Thursday. The injuries may
prove fatal.

Mr. Joseph Hart, of Roche-
port, killed a hog last week that
weighed 800 pounds, and chal-
lenged any one in the state to
beat it.

The Hannibal and St. Joseph
get one hundred thousand dol-
lars per year from the Chicago,
Rock Island & Pacific for the use
of their line from Cameron to
Kansas City.

Don Revins under indictment
for the murder of Duncan, at
Warrensburg, a couple of months
ago, is out on \$5,000 bail. His
case will be tried at Marshall,
Saline county, to which place he
took a change of venue on the
ground of prejudice against him
in Johnson county.

The depot at Wheeling, on the
Hannibal & St. Joe railroad,
nine miles east of Chillicothe,
was destroyed by fire on Mon-
day night of last week, together
with a considerable quantity of
freight.

We learn from the Columbia
Herald that Thos. A. Garth, eld-
est son of Mr. Jefferson Garth of
that place, was found frozen to
death, last Wednesday morning,
on the street in front of Stephens
College. When last seen the
night before, between 9 and 10
o'clock, he was very much intox-
icated. He was about 50 years
of age and unmarried.

Dory Fox, at one time a mem-
ber of the notorious Jesse James
gang, was arrested in Sumner
county, Kansas City, and is now
in jail in Kansas City. He is under
indictment for assisting in the
murder of J. W. Wither, one of
Pinkerton's detectives, near In-
dependence, Mo., on the 10th of
March 1874, and also for engag-
ing in the robbery of a bank at
Independence during the latter
part of the year 1876. Fox was
with Quantrill during the war.
An old comrade, who states
that Fox told the whole story of
his participation in the murder
and bank robbery, will be the
chief witness against him.

We want to whisper in the ears
of the citizens of Carrollton that
the people of Richmond are do-
ing something else besides talk-
ing about the railroad. A com-
tee of prominent and influential
gentlemen have been appointed,
their expenses paid, and visits
made by them to Kansas City,
Burlington, Iowa, and perhaps to
other points, in the in the inter-
est of the proposed route via
Richmond. Of course if it goes
by Richmond it will not come by
Carrollton. Evidently our neigh-
bor is acting upon the theory
that "The early bird catches the
worm," or, "the longest pole
keeps the persimmons," and if
they act while we don't, and
steal the railroad from us, we
shall say good-bye to Richmond—
their energy and liberality de-
served it.—Carrollton Democrat

Rheumatism.

In response to a request by a
subscriber a short time since two
recipes have been sent to the
N. Y. Tribune.

1. The simplest and most ef-
fective is a lemon daily until re-
lieved. Take the juice of one
lemon with sugar before retiring.
A good liniment can be made by
dissolving gum camphor in coal
oil. Make it as desired. When
applying it do not be near the
fire. It will be found effective
also in neuralgia and similar af-
fections. The use of lemons can
not be too highly recommended
for all persons.

2. One-half ounce salicylic
acid, one-half ounce bicarbonate
soda, one-fourth pint water.
Dose: one teaspoonful every
hour until relieved; after that
one or two teaspoonfuls every
2 or 3 hours until cured. The
lady who sends this says "It
cured my mother of chronic and
my daughter of inflammatory
rheumatism. In both cases the
second bottle was not entirely
used before they found relief."

Pure Cistern Water.

Pure water for domestic use is
of great importance. In most
wells the water is more or less
impregnated with lime, or other
earthy substance, so that it is
not so pure as rainwater. Wells
are often so deep that it is hard
drawing the water. For family
use I would recommend a cistern.
Most places where a well
can be dug, and where it is not
so sandy as to cave, a cistern can
be plastered with cement without
walling with brick or stone.
When I built my house four
years ago, I dug my cistern back
of the house before I built the
summer kitchen, so as to have it
in the kitchen. The filter is a
small cistern, one or two feet
from the other cistern, with a
tile for a spout to connect them.
The end of this pipe in the filter
is inclosed by a small circular
brick wall, or a double wall of
two inches each, with a space of
two inches between, which is fil-
led with pulverized charcoal.

The surface of this filtering wall
is scarcely a square yard, and
that part of the roof discharging
into the cistern is twenty-four by
forty feet. Yet it is only the
most violent thunder-shower
that gives more than enough wa-
ter to pass readily through the
filter. The main cistern is six
feet in diameter and twenty-four
feet deep. This gives us cool
water all summer—as cool as
well water. We draw with a
chain pump, which keeps the air
and water circulated, so that it
is pure. I prefer to have the fil-
ter outside the main cistern, and
being shallow it is easily cleaned.
Both cisterns are covered
with a brick arch. In the
cistern of six feet in diameter
the arch is started with a grouse-
cent in the earth for the bottom
of the arch. The earth holds it
sufficiently from where the cistern
is plastered. The arch rises
three feet, leaving three feet of
earth over it.

"Pay John Williams."
At a church prayer meeting a
man whose credit was not the
best, and who was somewhat
noted for habitual failure to meet
his obligations, arose to speak.
The subject for the evening was:
"What shall I do to be saved?"
Commencing in measured tones
he quoted the passage: "What
shall I do to be saved?" He
paused, and again more emphati-
cally asked the question: "What
shall I do to be saved?" Again,
with increased solemnity, he re-
peated the momentous inquiry,
when a voice from the assembly
in clear and distinct tones an-
swered: "Go and pay John Wil-
liams for that yoke of oxen you
bought of him!" The remainder
of the gentleman's address was
not reported. All who heard it
appreciated the fitness of the un-
expected word in season, and
were saved from hearing a long
exhortation from a default-
er's lips. The incident suggests
that there are a good many peo-
ple, before they make much pro-
gress in walking in the way of
salvation themselves, or guiding
others therein, will have to "Go
and pay John Williams," or John
somebody else, the money that
they honestly owe them.

The law in regard to carrying
concealed weapons, in this state,
is strict enough if it was only
enforced. Below will be found
the law as it now stands:

Whoever shall, in this state,
go into any church or place
where people have assembled for
public worship, or into any place
where people be assembled for
educational, literary or social
purposes, or to any election pre-
cinct on any election day, or into
any court room during the sit-
ting of court, or into any other
public assemblage of persons
met for other than militia drill,
or meetings called under the
militia law of this state, having
upon or about his person any
kind of arms, bowie knife,
dagger, slingshot, or other
deadly weapons shall be deemed
guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon
conviction thereof, shall be pun-
ished by imprisonment in the
county jail not to exceed six
months, or by a fine of not less
than ten nor more than one hun-
dred dollars, or by both such
fine and imprisonment.

Hon. R. E. Little, of Richmond,
Ky., a prominent lawyer, politi-
cian and ex-member of the Legis-
lature, was shot and killed by his
brother-in-law, Jas. H. Arnold,
the other day. Little received
four shots and died in a few min-
utes. The parties quarreled
over some land held jointly.

Divorces have become so com-
mon in New York that the Her-
ald believes the nuptial knot is
tied in a bow.

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